

The Governmental Authority of the Ekklesia

Equipping Ekklesia

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Christ Has Given His Ekklesia Legislative Authority

- “***Ekklesia***” is a governmental word **NOT** a religious word!
- Jesus could have said: “***Temple***” or “***Synagogue***”
- He did **NOT**, instead He chose a governmental word that was in use for 500 years in their culture before He spoke it.
- “When Jesus came to Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples this question: “What are the people saying about me, the Son of Man? Who do they believe I am?” They answered, “Some are convinced you are John the Baptizer, others say you are Elijah reincarnated, or Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” “But you—who do you say that I am?” Jesus asked. Simon Peter spoke up and said, “You are the Anointed One, the Son of the living God!” Jesus replied, “You are favored and privileged Simeon, son of Jonah! For you didn’t discover this on your own, but my Father in heaven has supernaturally revealed it to you. I give you the name Peter, a stone . And this rock will be the bedrock foundation on which I will build my church Ekklesia — **my legislative assembly** , and the power of death will not be able to overpower it! I will give you the keys of heaven’s kingdom realm to forbid on earth that which is forbidden in heaven, and to release on earth that which is released in heaven.” **Matthew 16:13-19 TPT**

Oskar Seyffert, "*Aristotle's Constitution of Athens – A Dictionary of Classical Antiquities*" pg. 202

- “In legal co-operation with the senate, the Ekklesia had full decision in all matters affecting the supreme interests of the state, as war, peace, alliances, treaties, the regulation of the army and navy, finances, loans, tributes, duties, prohibition of exports or imports, the introduction of new religious rites and festivals, the awarding of honors and rewards, and the conferring of citizenship”
- Thus, we see that Christ's Ekklesia has been given all the authority to gather together and to exercise all of the Administrative Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Judicial Branch of government, while the Church has been given none of that except to gather together. **(let that soak in for a minute)**

The Authority of the Ekklesia was Far Reaching, and can be summarized:

- To actively participate in legislation – in cooperation with the senate & emperor
- Election of officials - (including military Generals and chief magistrates of city-states)
- Banishment of citizens – who can reside there and who cannot
- Judicial decisions – guilt or innocence (as in Paul in Acts 19)
- Dean Briggs, *Ekklesia Rising*, pg111

Having understood the Governmental Authority of the Ekklesia, we now can ask, how does the Ekklesia legislate the Kingdom of Heaven on earth?

One way is by making declarations, and proclamations.

What is a Prophetic Proclamation?

- “Believers have the authority to create God’s Will on earth through kingdom “**announcements**” that cause God’s preexisting will to be fully released. As we speak out in faith and boldness, we release things that are on the Father’s heart but have not yet manifested on earth. We usher in His Kingdom through our words and literally change the face of the planet.” Tommi Femrite, [“Invading The Seven Mountains With Intercession,”](#) pg. 90
- *Webster’s Dictionary*: to prophesy means: **“to declare or predict by, or as by the influence of Divine Guidance.”**
- “To make a **Prophetic Proclamation**, then, means we announce the coming of what has yet to be in the natural realm of earth. It is important to point out that we do not make this announcement by our own power or authority, but by the One who empowered us to make such a proclamation.” Tommi Femrite, [“Invading The Seven Mountains With Intercession,”](#) pg. 91
- Decreeing or declaring your own will is “**Charismatic Witchcraft**”

We See The Biblical Model In - Ezekiel 37:1-10 NKJV

- 'The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord , and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So I answered, “O Lord God , You know.” Again He said to me, “**Prophecy to these bones**, and say to them, ‘**O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord !** Thus says the Lord God to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord .” So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. Also He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord God : “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” **So I prophesied as He commanded me**, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.’

God told Ezekiel to “Speak to the mountain...”

Ezekiel 36:1-12 NKJV

- “And you, son of man, **prophecy to the mountains of Israel**, and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, **hear the word of the Lord !** Thus says the Lord God : “Because the enemy has said of you, ‘Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,’ ” ’ therefore prophecy, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God : “Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people”— therefore, O mountains of Israel, **hear the word of the Lord God !** Thus says the Lord God to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around— therefore thus says the Lord God : “Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country.” ’ ”

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- “Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, ‘**Thus says the Lord God** : “Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations.” Therefore thus says the Lord God : “I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame. But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come. For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. Then you shall know that I am the Lord . Yes, I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them of children. ”’

As you Make the Proclamation - Speak Life

- 'You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you, And you will pay your vows. You will also declare a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.' **Job 22:27-28 NKJV**
- 'Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.' **Proverbs 18:21 NKJV**
- “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the *thing* for which I sent it. **Isaiah 55:10-11 NKJV**

How do we do this? - Isaiah 40:1-9 NKJV Gives us four very clear steps to make proclamations

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. ² “[Speak comfort to Jerusalem](#), and cry out to her, [That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned](#); For she has received from the LORD’s hand Double for all her sins.” ³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; ⁵ [The glory of the LORD shall be revealed](#), And all flesh shall see *it* together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” The voice said, “Cry out!” And he said, “What shall I cry?” “All flesh *is* grass, And all its loveliness *is* like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people *are* grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.” ⁹ O Zion, You who bring good tidings, [Get up into the high mountain](#); O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, [Lift up your voice with strength](#), Lift *it* up, [be not afraid](#); [Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”](#)

We, the Ekklesia of Christ, are to legislate the Kingdom of Heaven on earth by making Declarations & Proclamations to the principalities & powers of the heavenlies

- “To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the ~~church~~ Ekklesia to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.” **Ephesians 3:8-13 NKJV**
- “The purpose of this was to unveil before every throne and rank of angelic orders in the heavenly realm God’s full and diverse wisdom revealed through the ~~church~~ Ekklesia” **Ephesians 3:10 TPT**
- The Ekklesia is to make known **TO THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS IN HEAVENLY PLACES** the manifold wisdom of God!

On January 6, 2022

The Ekklesia of Georgia Did Exactly That!

- “I am here as a representative of Jesus the Messiah, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, and I have come in obedience and upon His will to arrive here today to bind you, Georgia Guidestones, with the cords of the blood of Yeshua Ha Meshiach. “I curse you, your statues, your physical strength, and your spiritual prowess to shrivel and die so that you will produce no fruit. I curse the ground upon which you stand to give way beneath you that you may **fall** yourself. I cast you into the sea of forgetfulness, that no one may remember you until the day that is Mine,” says the God of Hosts. “You will never return to life, but you will die where you stand. I will resurrect peace where you promoted war. And I will resurrect hope where you sought depression of my people. I will resurrect truth where you have lied. And a beacon as the Son will stand where you once stood. This is your notice: Be prepared to **fall**, you demon of lust of power. For you shall have none of it. I make the powers rise and **fall**. I declare the kings and kingdoms. I set up the powers that be, and your power has been cut off, your time cut short, your head beheaded. No more will you reign. No more will you plan your evil devises. For as you have sought to rule and take dominion, I have seen you and I will destroy you,” says the Lord of Hosts.”
- Followed by 45+ Bible verses preached to the 10 demonic principles carved in the stone.
- [The Georgia Guidestones fell on July 6, exactly 6 months after this declaration!](#)

In Closing: A Paraphrase of Matthew 16

- “Upon the revelation of my true identity and anointing for rulership, I am now convening **outposts of divine legislation** that will continue to advance My Kingdom until I return. These gatherings will be consumed by My zeal to bring justice and peace to the earth. Because I am the Christ, My **Executive assemblies** shall possess an inherently offensive capacity and disposition, enough that death itself cannot resist My glorious plan. With your eyes fixed on Me, you will utilize the authority I grant to **open and shut upon earth** as if I myself were opening and shutting in heaven. And thus My Kingdom come. My will be done. Thus, together, in unity, **you are My Ekklesia.**”
- Dean Briggs, ***Ekklesia Rising***, pg.218

Let's Review and Implement those steps from Isaiah 40:9

- **1.) Get up on a mountain** – we are on the World Wide Web – the entire internet, the mountain does not get much bigger or higher than this!
- **2.) Lift up your voice** – We will shout it out to the principalities and powers
- **3.) Do not be afraid** – We have **No FEAR** because we stand in all the authority and all the power of Jesus Christ Himself
- **4.) Speak the truth** – We will declare boldly on behalf of Christ's Legislative Assemblies around the world.
- **Let me ask you, “Are there things going on in the city / county, where you live, that do not look like the Kingdom of Heaven?”**
- **“Has the enemy established a stronghold in your community?”**
- **“Are you ready to do something about it?”**
- Let us shout with a loud voice to the principalities and powers in the heavenlies, and Make a declaration: (Are you ready? Let's do this!)
- **“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, We are the Ekklesia of Christ, We have been restored to our position on earth, we are here, and we are taking over!” Hallelujah!**

Activation Time

Begin to Tell Others What Jesus Said: “From that time on Jesus began to proclaim his message with these words: “Keep turning away from your sins and come back to God, for heaven’s kingdom realm is now accessible.” **Matthew 4:17 (TPT)**

More Application & Activation

It’s time for you to start an Ekklesia in **YOUR** community

- Invite some friends over for dinner and a prayer time
- After the meal gather in the living-room
- Share with them an issue in your community where the enemy has obviously gained a foot-hold. (child sex trafficking, Planned Parenthood, crack house, prostitution, Muslim Mosque, etc.)
- In prayer seek the Lord for direction. **“What do you want us to do, Lord?”**
- In prayer begin to contend for the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Begin to practice **Binding & Loosing**
- Calling forth the Angel Armies of Heaven to be the adjudicators of the decisions of the Ekklesia

Don't say you don't know how to do it! It is very easy to start an Ekklesia...You can do it!

- Find someone who does not attend church - Invite them to your house for a meal
- Share your life with them, get to know them
- Or invite some **friends** over to your house for a cook-out, Bar-B-Q, or a pizza
- Share some life stories, what's happening in you life? Share your testimony.
- Be transparent, share some issue or problem you are struggling with
- After dinner, as you are sitting around chatting. Ask them, ***“Is there something we can pray for you before our time together is over?”***
- Begin to practice the “**One Anothers**” - Pray for one another
- Spend time listening to the Holy Spirit
- Share an encouraging Prophetic word with them

Begin to become the Ekklesia that Christ began!